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Title: Need to restore the Scheduled Caste status of the `Moger' community in North Canara District of Karnataka.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA : Sir, the 'Moger' community in Karnataka has been enjoying the status of Scheduled Castes all along under the Presidential Order of 1950. This Order can only be amended by the Parliament. But for the last two years, the District Administration of North Canara has *suo motu* stopped issuing Scheduled Caste certificates to these members though they still continue to be on the Presidential Order. In spite of repeated requests, no action has been taken.

I have brought this matter to the notice of the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and also met the officials of the Ministry. But there has been no response. They simply say: "We have taken up the matter with the State Government and are awaiting their response."

Since no response is forthcoming, all the benefits have been denied for two years to the people belonging to the 'Moger' community. I seek the intervention of the Minister to ensure that the Presidential Order is enforced and that the benefits available to these people under the Constitution are restored to them.